

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows.

Page 1, line 5, replace the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD" with:

B1 ---BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention---

Page 1, line 11, replace the heading "BACKGROUND ART" with

--- 2. Description of Background Information ---.

Page 4, line 6, replace the heading "DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION" with

--- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION ---.

Page 5, line 11, replace the heading "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION" with

--- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION ---.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 and 9 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claim amendment is attached in Appendix A.

1. (Amended) A method of imparting flame retardance to at least one resin

B2 comprising adding to said resin a compound containing a phosphoric ester represented by the formula (I):